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- At about 9:30 a.m. on 28 March 1953, a train of 20 boxcars with about 600 soldiers and equipment and about 45 flatcars with sideracks carrying 8 rocket launchers, 8 x 122-mm field howitzers and about 30 trucks

[REDACTED] passed through the Oranienburg railroad station toward Sachsenhausen.¹

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- Shipments passing through the Oranienburg freight station between 25 and 31 March included:

25 March. At 9:30 p.m., 21 boxcars with personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 34 flatcars carrying 5 x 132-mm rocket launchers, 25 trucks, 3 sedans and 1 field kitchen, coming from the direction of Loewenberg and proceeding toward Wustermark.¹

25 March. At 11:30 p.m., 8 boxcars with personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 26 flatcars carrying 10 x 76-mm AT guns, 17 trucks and 1 field kitchen, coming from the direction of Wustermark and proceeding toward Loewenberg.²

26 March. At 7:15 a.m., 8 boxcars with personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 5 flatcars carrying 10 trucks, coming from the direction of Frankfurt/Oder and proceeding toward Wustermark. [REDACTED]

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28 March. At 9 a.m., 8 boxcars with personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 26 flatcars carrying 18 trucks including Nos B 9-63-72 and b 9-63-83, 4 x 132-mm rocket launchers, 8 mortars and 4 guns, coming from the direction of Wustermark and proceeding toward Loewenberg.¹

31 March. At 9:30 a.m., 9 boxcars with personnel wearing light-blue epaulets; an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 16 tank trucks [REDACTED] 4 trucks including [REDACTED] 5 jeeps and 1 field kitchen; and 1 flatcar carrying billeting equipment, coming from the direction of Loburg and proceeding toward Finow/Mark.³

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3. From 23 to 27 March, 6 or 7 trains carrying 132-mm rocket launchers, 122-mm howitzers, 76-mm guns, 160-mm mortars and motor vehicles were unloaded in Rathenow, coming from the direction of Altengrabow. No details were determined. The units moved to the barracks installations in Rathenow.⁴
4. At 9 p.m. on 25 March, an undetermined number of flatcars carrying tanks and trucks and, at 6 p.m. on 27 March, an undetermined number of flatcars carrying AT guns and trucks passed through Oranienburg, coming from the direction of Loewenberg and proceeding toward Berlin. At 0:30 a.m. on 28 March, an undetermined number of boxcars with personnel and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying about 4 rocket launchers, 4 AT guns and trucks passed through Oranienburg, coming from the direction of Berlin and proceeding toward Loewenberg.¹ A resident in Oranienburg stated that Ruegen Island would be evacuated by civilians. 25X1
5. Loading and unloading operations observed in Dallgow included:
- 23 March. About 35 trucks carrying 12 x 76-mm field guns which had come from the Olympisches Dorf were loaded. 25X1
- 26 March. The aforementioned shipment was unloaded. 25X1
- 23 March. About 30 trucks carrying 12 x 76-mm field guns which had come from the Olympisches Dorf were loaded. 25X1
- 27 March. The aforementioned shipment was unloaded.
6. At 11 p.m. on 3 April, 1 boxcar with personnel and 6 flatcars carrying 6 x 132-mm rocket launchers passed through the Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station, coming from the direction of Rathenow and proceeding toward Potsdam. 25X1
7. On 24 March, 10 x 122-mm field howitzers, 15 trucks and about 100 soldiers were detained at the Rathenow northern railroad station and moved to the Picnier Kaserne.⁴ On 24 March, the Wald Kasernen were occupied as previously. from tank trucks shipping gasoline westward since 26 March that preparations were under way for departure to the summer camp. 25X1 25X1 25X1
8. Shipments observed in Stendal included:
- 24 March. 12 boxcars with personnel and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 22 trucks rocket launchers and 1 field kitchen toward Magdeburg.⁴ 25X1
- 24 March. At noon, 8 boxcars with personnel and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 7 JS-3 tanks about 15 trucks and 2 field kitchens toward Salzwedel.⁷ 25X1
- 25 March. At 8:30 a.m., 10 boxcars with personnel and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 20 trucks with covered numbers and 16 x 85-mm AA guns toward Salzwedel.⁸

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25 March. At 9:30 a.m., 15 boxcars with personnel and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 14 to 18 x 152-mm field howitzers and 14 trucks [redacted] including three towing AA guns to Berlin.⁴ [redacted]

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On 25 March, 16 boxcars with personnel and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 26 trucks [redacted] and 19 x 85-mm AA guns passed through Stendal, coming from the direction of Magdeburg.⁸ During the night of 22 March, 3 troop trains passed through Stendal toward Berlin and, during the night of 24 March, 5 troop trains passed through Stendal toward Jaueritz and Rathenow.

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1. [redacted] Comment. The observations [redacted] confirm the shipment from Neustrelitz to Luckenwalde of artillery units of the 9th Gds Tank Div on 25 March [redacted] and the return shipment of the same units on 28 March [redacted] 25X1
2. [redacted] Comment. The train came from Jueterbog and carried an artillery unit of the 12th Gds Tank Div. [redacted] 25X1
3. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] upon completion of firing practices in Altengrabow, an air force AAA unit from Finow returned to its post. 25X1
4. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] passing and unloading of trains carrying units of the 6th Arty Div and the 25th RL Brig which returned from Altengrabow. [redacted] only five troop trains at the Rathenow railroad station on 23 and 24 March. [redacted] 25X1
5. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the units of the 2d Light Arty Brig (US) which were loaded on 23 March and, on 26 and 27 March returned were at the Jueterbog troop training grounds for advanced combat practice firing. [redacted] 25X1
6. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] a unit of the 25th RL Brig was loaded. It is possible that the unit went to Jueterbog. 25X1
7. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the Fourth Gds Mecz Army and [redacted] the 83d Gds Hvy Tank SP Regt of the 25th Tank Div in Prenzlau. It is possible that the shipment went to the Letzling Heath. 25X1
8. [redacted] Comment. As the two trains carried medium AAA units it is believed that they went to the Wustrow AA gun range. 25X1
9. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the Third Shock Army. 25X1
10. [redacted] Comment. Since it is not possible to definitely state the direction of departure at the Stendal railroad station some of the indications may be erroneous. It is believed, for example, that the train mentioned as having left for Salzwedel actually left toward Wittenberge.

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